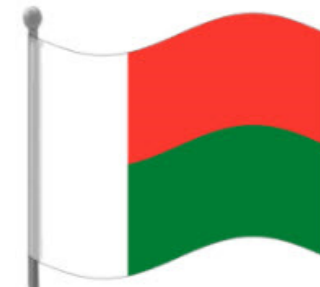


Madagascar



Exchange rates

The exchange rate is one Australian dollar to 2,351.94 ariary. So, if a Kinder Surprise costs A\$2.30 in Australia you would need 5,409.47 ariary.

Cost of living examples (from www.numbeo.com) are:

One litre of milk 1,553.20 Ar (A\$1.31)

500g loaf of bread 2,644.20 Ar (A\$2.58)

1kg local cheese 40,000.00 Ar (A\$10.95)

Dozen eggs 5,272.62 (A\$4.96)

1kg round beef 40,884.00 Ar (A\$16.00)

Bottle of wine 24,726.22 Ar (A\$10.31)

Pair of jeans (Levis 501) 247,262.24 (A\$98.48)

Average monthly net salary 400,000.00 Ar (A\$4,450.49)

Interesting fact 1

Madagascar is one of the world's main suppliers of vanilla and cloves, while coffee, lychees and shrimp are also important agriculturally. The country currently provides half of the world's supply of sapphires and produces a number of other precious and semi-precious stones.

Interesting fact 2

Despite the Pixar movie *Madagascar*, there are actually no lions, giraffes, hippos or zebras on the entire island. Pygmy hippos once believed to have lived there are long since extinct for nearly 1,000 years.

On today's menu

Peanut soup

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Curried beans

Avocado salad

Coco crevettes

Chicken in coconut milk

Shredded roast beef

Fillet of pork

Vanilla bean fruity clafouti

Vanilla bean rambutan

Coconut candy

Madagascar sour

Next month, we're going to **Australia**



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